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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1614

MICHAEL WYLLIE

Examiner: Jones, Dwayne C.

APPLICATION NO: 09/778,290

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FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMBINATIONS

MS: After Final Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTICE OF APPEAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The period for filing a Notice of Appeal has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 28, 2005. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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